
HOUSE BILL No. 1592

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 11-8-3-4.

Synopsis: Nurses in the DOC. Requires the department of correction (DOC) to enter into a contract for nursing services using the request for proposals process if the DOC determines that it is more cost effective to enter into a contract than to provide nursing services with nurses who are state employees. Provides that individuals who are currently employed by the DOC as nurses may keep the jobs they hold.

Effective: July 1 2005.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment and Labor.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-8-3-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1 2005]: **Sec. 4. (a) The department shall conduct a study to**
4 **determine the:**

5 (1) **cost of providing nursing services in all the facilities**
6 **operated by the department;**

7 (2) **number of nurses needed to provide adequate medical**
8 **services in all the facilities operated by the department;**

9 (3) **number of nursing positions filled with state employees;**

10 (4) **number of nursing positions filled using contracts with**
11 **individual nurses;**

12 (5) **number of nursing positions filled using contracts with**
13 **nurse registries;**

14 (6) **number of nursing positions filled through other**
15 **contractual means; and**

16 (7) **number of unfilled nursing positions.**

17 **(b) The department shall determine the cost of filling all nursing**



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positions required to provide nursing services in all the facilities operated by the department either:

- (1) by filling the positions with state employees; or
- (2) through contractual means.

(c) If:

(1) the cost determined under subsection (b) would be less if nursing services:

- (A) are provided under a contract; and
- (B) are not provided by filling all positions with nurses who are state employees: or

(2) it is not possible to fill all the nursing positions with nurses who are state employees;

the department shall enter into a contract for all nursing services in all the facilities operated by the department.

(d) If the department determines that it must enter into a contract for nursing services under subsection (c), the department shall choose a provider of nursing services using the request for proposal procedures under IC 5-22-9.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (c), if the department enters into a contract for nursing services, a nurse who is currently employed by the department may continue in the nurse's current position as long as the nurse meets all the requirements of the department and the state personnel department.

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